

State of South Carolina

Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, Malignant Hyperthermia (MH) is a life-threatening, acute pharmacogenetic disorder, developing during or after the administration of a general anesthesia; and

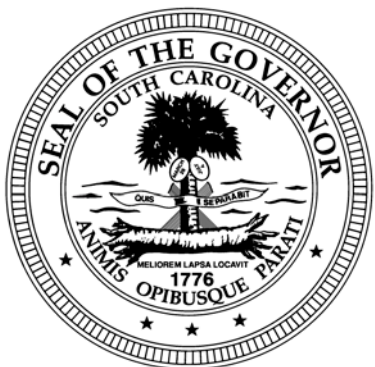
WHEREAS, this inherited condition may cause sustained contractions of muscles in response to specific anesthetic drugs, which if left untreated can lead to death; and

WHEREAS, Malignant Hyperthermia Awareness Month is designed to educate the public about this disorder and to encourage patients to learn more about the risk factors for malignant hyperthermia before receiving anesthesia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim March 2004 as

MALIGNANT HYPERTHERMIA AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to work together to raise awareness of malignant hyperthermia.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD
GOVERNOR
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA